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(Summary of Claimed Subject Matter)

Independent claim 28, from which claims 32, 33 and 34 depend, defines a checkout system having front and rear modules 10a and 10b, respectively, each having an article support surface. In claim 28, the bagging module 12 is defined as comprising a bag support 22, movable horizontally from a clerk side to a customer side of the checkout system. Claim 28 does not specify that the horizontal movement takes place by virtue of rotation of a carousel. Claim 28 also specifies that the bag support 22 is vertically movable from an operative position as seen in FIG. 1, to a stowed position below the support surfaces, as seen in FIGs. 2-5.

Independent claim 35, from which claims 40, 41 and 42 depend, defines a checkout system substantially the same as that defined by claim 28, except that claim 35 defines the bag support as rotatable from the clerk side to the customer side of the checkout system about a vertical axis, i.e., the axis of rotation of turn table 20. Thus claim 35 effectively defines a carousel-type bag support.

Claims 32 and 40 depend from the independent claims through intermediate claims 31 and 39, respectively. Claims 31 and 39 define a member having an article supporting surface (shown deployed in FIGs. 2-5) that can be extended over the bagging module when the bag support is in its stowed position.